

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for creating derivative works comprising:
 - connecting an author to a content repository;
 - sending meta data from said author to said content repository;
 - sending content from said author to said content repository;
 - connecting a collaborator to said content repository;
 - downloading said content from said author to said collaborator from said content repository;
 - connecting a final uploader to said content repository;
 - uploading aggregate content and meta data from said final uploader to said content repository.
2. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
 - determining content contributors and royalty allocations.
3. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
 - notifying all contributors regarding use of said content.
4. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
 - tracking what content a user accesses.
5. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
 - collecting subscription fees for said author from a user and logging activity of said user to determine royalty allocation.
6. The method of claim 2 further comprising:
 - billing all users on a periodic basis based on use.

7. The method of claim 2 further comprising:
determining periodically royalties owed to each author and disbursing funds.
8. The method of claim 2 further comprising:
calculating said royalties based on usage of each authors works.
9. The method of claim 2 further comprising:
determining an algorithm to allocate royalties.
10. The method of claim 9 wherein said algorithm varies based on type of content being sold.
11. A system to automate licensing, reuse and royalties of author content and derivative works comprising:
a data base which allows an author to upload content;
said system organizing said content by author, title of content, description of content or reuse methodology.
12. The system of claim 11 further comprising information to contact said author.
13. The system of claim 11 wherein said reuse methodology describes how content can be used and fees entailed.
14. The system of claim 13 wherein said fee is selected from a flat fee, royalty from direct user, royalty from final end work creator or combination thereof.
15. The system of claim 14 wherein a user can aggregate works from different authors, view said aggregate work and integrate said work to create said derivative work.
16. The system of claim 15 wherein said derivative work is put into said system which can be used as a further derivative work.

17. The system of claim 11 wherein said system provides logical rules on how to use said content.

18. The system of claim 11 wherein said system provides said author rules to use for said content and said author chooses said rules and sends said rules back to said system.

19. The system of claim 18 wherein said rules includes fees.

20. The system of claim 11 wherein said system determines content contributors and royalty allocations.

21. The system of claim 11 wherein said system informs said authors of use of said content.

22. The system of claim 11 wherein said system logs activity of users and determines royalty allocation for said authors.

23. The system of claim 11 wherein said system bills users periodically and disburses funds to said authors.

24. The system of claim 11 wherein said system checks for duplicate content, if duplicate content is found said system does not post said duplicate content.